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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/1/2003 AND ENDING 12/31/2003  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Options Trading Associates LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

One Manhattanville Road

(No. and Street)

Purchase

New York

10577

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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FIRM ID. NO.

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

James W. Santori

(914) 694-5800

(Area Code- Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Goldstein Golub Kessler LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

1185 Avenue of the Americas

New York

NY

10036

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant  
☐ Public Accountant  
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\* Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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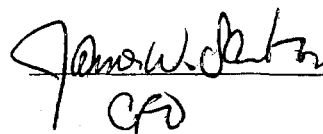
## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, James W. Santori swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Options Trading Associates LLC, as of 12/31, 2003, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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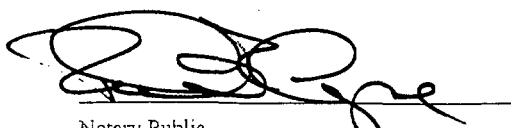
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CFD

Signature

Title

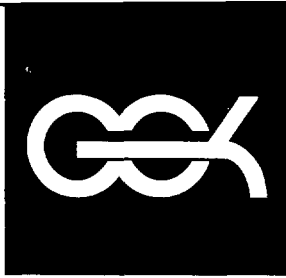
  
Notary Public

**RICHARD M. CAYNE**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02CA 4846342  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires February 28, 2006

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of CASH FLOWS.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\* For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e) (3).



**OPTIONS TRADING ASSOCIATES LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP**

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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# **OPTIONS TRADING ASSOCIATES LLC**

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## GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Member of  
Options Trading Associates LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Options Trading Associates LLC as of December 31, 2003. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Options Trading Associates LLC as of December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Goldstein Golub Kessler LLP*

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP**

January 30, 2004

# OPTIONS TRADING ASSOCIATES LLC

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

**December 31, 2003**

### **ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 500
Receivable from Broker-dealers and Clearing Organizations (Note 2)	282,495
Other Assets	53,311
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$336,306</b>

### **LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

Liabilities - accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 11,000
Member's Equity	325,306
<b>Total Liabilities and Member's Equity</b>	<b>\$336,306</b>

**OPTIONS TRADING ASSOCIATES LLC**  
**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**December 31, 2003**

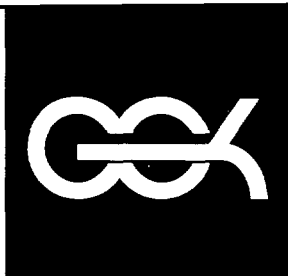
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- 1. ORGANIZATION:** Options Trading Associates LLC (the "Company") is a subsidiary of OTA, LLC (the "Parent"), a registered broker-dealer in securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and trades for its own account.
- 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:** This financial statement is prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which require the use of estimates by management.

The Company records transactions in securities and options and the related revenue and expenses on a trade-date basis.

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's security and option transactions are provided by one broker. At December 31, 2003, all of the securities sold, not yet purchased, and the amount receivable from clearing broker reflected in the statement of financial condition are security positions with and amounts due from this clearing broker.

No provision is made in the accompanying statement of financial condition for federal or state income taxes since such liabilities are the responsibility of the Member. The Company is included in the consolidated income tax return of its Parent.
- 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS:** As a registered broker-dealer and member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined, or \$100,000, whichever is greater. At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$272,006, which exceeded its requirement of \$100,000 by \$172,006.
- 4. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:** The Company enters into derivative contracts primarily to hedge exposures of equity transactions. Derivatives used for hedging purposes include written options. These options are marked-to-market and unrealized gains or losses are reflected in Member's equity.
- 5. RISK FACTOR:** During the year, the Company's business decreased significantly as a result of a reduction in demand for the Company's trading strategy.



**OPTIONS TRADING ASSOCIATES LLC**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL**

**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP**

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

To the Member of  
Options Trading Associates LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Options Trading Associates LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of Options Trading Associates LLC to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal control and that, alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and any other regulatory agencies which rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Goldstein Golub Kessler LLP*

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP**

January 30, 2004